

SPEECH & HEARING SCIENCE, PHD

for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Speech & Hearing Science

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overview of admissions & requirements: <https://ahs.illinois.edu/speech-&hearing-science/phd> (<https://ahs.illinois.edu/speech-%26-hearing-science/phd/>)
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Graduate Degree Programs in Speech & Hearing Science

Audiology, AuD (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/ahs/audiology-aud/>)

Speech & Hearing Science, MA (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/ahs/speech-hearing-science-ma/>)

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optional concentration (PhD only):

Second Language Acquisition and Teacher Education (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/second-language-acquisition-teacher-education/>)

The department offers programs leading to the Master of Arts, Doctor of Audiology, and Doctor of Philosophy degrees, with specialization in various aspects of audiology and speech-language pathology.

The Department of Speech and Hearing Science offers graduate programs of study in speech-language pathology, audiology, and speech, language, and hearing science. The department prepares scientists and professionals who specialize in the study of perception and production of spoken, written, signed, and alternative communication and communication disorders, as well as dysphagia. Graduate degrees are offered at the master's and doctoral levels.

Admission

Admission to the doctoral program requires completion of a bachelor's degree. The doctoral program is divided into three stages: Stage I, which includes the master's degree or its equivalent; Stage II, which is advanced course work and completion of all departmental requirements, with the exception of the dissertation defense and deposit; and Stage III, which is the conduct of the dissertation, its defense and deposit.

For more information about admissions, see: <https://ahs.illinois.edu/speech-&hearing-science/phd> (<https://ahs.illinois.edu/speech-%26-hearing-science/phd/>)

Graduate Teaching Experience

Although teaching is not a general Graduate College requirement, experience in teaching is considered an important part of the graduate experience in this program.

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The program may be planned with specialization in many areas of audiology, speech-language pathology, and speech, language or hearing science. Individual programs of study will be tailored to the student's area of scholarly and research interests and are planned by the student and the advisor. The minimum academic course requirements for this degree are 40 graduate hours of course work beyond those required for a master's degree or equivalent, a qualifying exam, and a dissertation.

The first two to four years of the doctoral program are typically devoted to course work, including the completion of an Early Research Project (ERP), in the area of concentration selected by the student. For students entering with a M.A./M.S., the ERP occurs early in Stage II and must be completed before the Qualifying Exam. For students entering the PhD program directly from a B.A./B.S. degree, the ERP may be undertaken and completed in Stage I or Stage II. In the middle of Stage II, students will take a Qualifying Exam. Successful completion of the Qualifying Exam provides evidence of the student's satisfactory progress toward scholarly independence and indicates the student is then qualified to begin the planning stages of a dissertation proposal. A preliminary exam on the dissertation proposal occurs at the end of Stage II and marks the transition to Stage III. The doctoral program culminations with a Final Exam/Dissertation Defense, and oral examination over a written document.

For additional details and requirements refer to the department's graduate programs (<http://www.shs.illinois.edu/Graduates/>) and the Graduate College Handbook (<http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook/>).

Entering with approved M.A./M.S. or Au.D. degree

Code	Title	Hours
3 courses in statistics-related areas		12
SHS 590	History of CSD	4
SHS 592	Prosem Spch & Hear Sci	2-4
SHS 594	PhD Early Research Project	6-8
One or two advanced 500-level seminars in SHS		4
Restricted elective hours, not including SHS 594, SHS 594, SHS 599 ¹		8-12
SHS 599	Thesis Research (min/max applied toward degree)	24
Total Hours		64

Other Requirements²

Requirement	Description
Other requirements may overlap	
Qualifying Exam Required	Yes

Preliminary Exam Required	Yes
Final Exam/Dissertation Defense Required	Yes
Dissertation Deposit Required	Yes
Minimum GPA:	3.0

¹ *Restricted elective courses, requiring approval by the mentor with input from the advising committee, are identified to support students' individualized areas of study within the broad field of communication sciences and disorders. If minimum credits are completed in SHS 592/SHS 594, then the maximum of restricted electives are required. If maximum credits are taken in SHS 592/SHS 594, then the minimum of restricted electives are required.*

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Entering with approved B.A./B.S. degree

Code	Title	Hours
3 courses in statistics-related areas		12
SHS 590	History of CSD	4
SHS 592	Prosem Spch & Hear Sci	2-4
SHS 594	PhD Early Research Project	8
One or two advanced 500-level seminars in SHS		4
Restricted elective hours, not including SHS 592, SHS 594, SHS 599 ¹		40-42
SHS 599	Thesis Research (min/max applied toward degree)	24
Total Hours		96

Other Requirements ²

Requirement	Description
Other requirements may overlap	
Qualifying Exam Required	Yes
Preliminary Exam Required	Yes
Final Exam/Dissertation Defense Required	Yes
Dissertation Deposit Required	Yes
Minimum GPA:	3.0

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